

18. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein said second controller utilizes said resource manager to pre-empt said first controller and thereby gains said primary control over said electronic device.

19. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein said network functions in accordance with a home audio-video interoperability specification.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for managing resources in an electronic network, comprising:

a network resource<sub>1</sub> coupled to said electronic network<sub>1</sub> ~~for performing to~~  
perform specified functions;

a first client<sub>1</sub> coupled to said electronic network<sub>1</sub> ~~for requesting to request~~ a  
primary control over said ~~electronic device~~ network resource; and

a resource manager configured to ~~reserving~~ <sup>RESERVE</sup> said primary control over said  
network resource for said first client.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20 wherein a second client coupled to said electronic network seeks said primary control over said network resource, and wherein said resource manager negotiates between said first client and said second client to obtain said primary control over said network resource.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein said resource manager initially attempts a non-intrusive reservation of said primary control of said network resource.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said second client makes a pre-emption attempt to gain said primary control when said non-intrusive reservation is unsuccessful.

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